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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT REPLY TO ZHIVKOV APOLLO-SOYUZ MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
ZHIVKOV: BEGIN TEXT: HIS EXCELLENCY, TODOR ZHIVKOV,
PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BULGARIA. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE APOLLO-
SOYUZ MISSION. - --

WE ARE DELIGHTED AT THE SUCCESS OF THE MISSION AND LOOK
FOR EXPANDING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE IN
SPACE-RELATED AND OTHER ACTIVITIES. APOLLO-SOYUZ HAS PROVEN
THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD
WHenever POSSIBLE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE ABOVE MESSAGE BUT
HAS NO OBJECTION TO GOB'S DOING SO. -

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3. FYI: FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT
ZHIVKOV: BEGIN TEXT: ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE COUNCIL
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND ON MY OWN BEHALF
MOST CORDIAL CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE SUCCESS-

FUL REALIZATION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY IN ITS CHARACTER
SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT THE JOINT FLIGHT SAJUZ
APOLLO. WE VIEW THE FLIGHT SAJUZ APOLLO AS A REAL
HISTORIC EVENT AN EXPRESSION OF THE PROCESS OF DETENTE IN
THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TAKEN PLACE IN RECENT YEARS
AND A CONFIRMATION OF THE PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN THE
COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL ORDER WHICH OPENS NEW
POSSIBILITIES AND PERSPECTIVES IN THE FURTHER MASTERING OF
THE COSMOS AS WELL AS THE UNIFICATION OF THE EFFORTS,
KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE ON INTERNATIONAL BASES AND IN THE
OTHER IMPORTANT FIELDS OF THE HUMAN ACTIVITY. WE ARE CON-
VINCED THAT THIS COURSE OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION
WILL CONSOLIDATE FURTHERMORE IN THE INTEREST OF THE WORLD
PEACE, FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR PLANET.

TODOR ZHIVKOV
PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF BULGARIA. END TEXT.

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